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Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Address to: MS RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Application Number	10/799005
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	First Named Inventor	James Rasmussen
	Art Unit	1644
	Examiner Name	E. M. Szperka
	Attorney Docket Number	PEPT-P01-005

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ Other Exhibit A

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, any underpayment of fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 18-1945. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 10/05/2005 SHASSEN1 00000052 181945 10799005

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 395.00 DA

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED			
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FILED WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

MS RCE
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Dear Sir:

A final office action was mailed April 1, 2005 in connection with the subject application. The office action provided a period of three months for filing a response *i.e.* by July 1, 2005. In response, Applicants filed two communications, one on July 1, 2005 which was not entered by the Examiner, and on August 3, 2005 which was entered. An Advisory Action was mailed on August 31, 2005 in response to a communication filed on August 3, 2005. In response to this advisory actions, applicants are filing and RCE together with this amendment. Applicants are concurrently requesting a three-month extension of time, extending the deadline for filing a response to October 1, 2005. Accordingly, this communication is being timely filed within the extended period.